

WATER COMMITTEE
May 11, 2016
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Charles Oddo
Steve Rapson
Lee Pope
Jimmy Preau

ABSENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Dennis Davenport
Alan Bowling

GUESTS: Michael Diaz

STAFF: Russell Ray, Chet Ward

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Chip Conner at 8:20 A.M. This meeting took place at the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 27, 2016.

Lee Pope made the motion and Steve Rapson seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 27, 2016. There was no opposition.

II. UPDATE ON WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

Russell Ray explained the review for Pay Estimate number 9 began yesterday. Michael Diaz announced the filters are ready to kick off, ready to begin sending potable water out into the system. Filter Magic’s system integrator has been here since Monday doing the final sweeps on all the basins and valves. Yesterday they started getting water in the rewash mode, re-circulating through the filters, but not sending it out. They were making sure the media is ready to go. The turbidity numbers have dropped down and they are ready to go this morning. Two are ready and two more will be ready later this week. Mr. Diaz commented water demand has gone up. It is getting warmer; people are turning on their sprinkler systems, washing their cars and things like that.

Alan Bowling stated they will get the first two filters fully on line, and then take the second two filters off. Mr. Diaz stated they had a meeting with EPD last week; they came through to inspect the new filters before they were completed. EPD was happy with what they saw. They are waiting for us to provide data. The key is to get the full green light and the filters high rated for the summer. He said we will then be able to take the old filters off line and start working on them.

Mr. Ray added the contractor has done a great job with these filters; the filter bottoms are all level and they will be ready to go.

Mr. Pope announced the Water System just received the Gold Award for compliance for both water treatment plants. This is the first time since 2011. We also won the Best Tasting Water for District 3; the system has never won that award. This was awarded to us last week and will be coming up at the Board of Commissioners meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Diaz mentioned that District 3 is all the counties in the metro Atlanta area. Mr. Pope said there are 14 neighboring counties including Fulton, Dekalb, Gwinnett, and Clayton; they are our competitors.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

LAKE PEACHTREE UPDATE.

Alan Bowling provided a quick update on Lake Peachtree. He said he is working with the contractor on the last payout. There are some math corrections that needed to be done. Once the contractor agrees, he will finalize this item.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Chip Conner adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M. The Water Committee then toured the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant.

Chip Conner

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 25th day of May, 2016.

Lisa Speegle